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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1378

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 24, 2015

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Missing and Unidentified Persons.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Bartlett

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill creates the Indiana Missing and Unidentified Persons Unit within the Attorney General's Office. It repeals the Indiana Clearinghouse for Information on Missing Children and Missing Endangered Adults. It transfers the duties of the clearinghouse to the unit. It expands abducted children and missing endangered adult laws to include all people. The bill also requires the Superintendent of the State Police Department to establish a DNA data base, and allows the unit access to the DNA data base. (Current law allows the superintendent to establish the data base.)

Effective Date: July 1, 2015.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Indiana Missing and Unidentified Persons Unit:* This bill creates a new unit within the Office of the Attorney General and transfers the duties of the Indiana Clearinghouse for Information on Missing Children and Missing Endangered Adults within the Indiana State Police (ISP) to the unit effective July 1, 2015. Expenses may be incurred from the transfer of duties. The Clearinghouse currently has five employees with annual salaries totaling approximately \$252,000; and two vacant positions with budgeted annual salaries totaling about \$46,000.

The bill also expands the current abducted children and missing endangered adult laws to include all people, which would likely increase expenses for the unit established by the bill within the Office of the Attorney General.

Among the duties transferred to the new unit established by this bill is the publishing of a quarterly bulletin of missing children and missing endangered adults. The bill provides that the bulletin will still be distributed to child care centers and child care homes that make an annual contribution of \$4 to defray the cost of

publishing. Currently, the bulletin is also distributed to law enforcement agencies and other organizations.

The bill's requirements represent an additional workload and, potentially, expenditure on the agency outside of the agency's routine administrative functions. Existing staffing and resource levels, if currently being used to capacity, may be insufficient for full implementation. The additional funds and resources required could be supplied through existing staff and resources currently being used in another program or with new appropriations. Ultimately, the source of funds and resources required to satisfy the requirements of this bill will depend on legislative and administrative actions.

Indiana Clearinghouse for Information on Missing Children and Missing Endangered Adults: This bill repeals the clearinghouse and transfers its duties to the new unit in the Office of the Attorney General established by this bill.

DNA Database: Currently, the Laboratory Division of the ISP maintains the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) or DNA database. The bill requires the new unit established within the Attorney General's Office to have access to all information in the ISP's DNA database. According to the ISP, modifications may need to be made to the repository in order for the records to be accessed by another state agency possibly resulting in expenditures of an unknown amount. However, certain identification data is currently being shared with the Judicial Technology and Automation Committee (JTAC) to assist with their INcite system. If this particular data would meet the needs of the new unit established in the Office of the Attorney General, it is possible that providing access to this data could reduce potential costs to some extent.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Office of the Attorney General; Indiana State Police.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Major Steve Holland, Indiana State Police; Indiana State Police website; January 5, 2015, state staffing table.

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